

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 5, as follows:

-- The light beam is generated by a light source, for example, a plasma light source or a mercury-vapor lamp. This light beam is at least partially taken up by a condenser optic. The condenser optic includes a first pupil plane wherein a first pupil illumination is generated by the light beam. This first pupil illumination exhibits no ellipticity when the condenser optics include optical components whose optical effects are rotationally symmetrical to the optical axis and when the light source exhibits an emission characteristic rotationally ~~symmetric~~ symmetrical to the optical axis. The emission characteristic is given by the distribution of the ray angles to the optical axis. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 17, line 26, as follows:

-- In the following, it will be shown how the use of the diaphragm 201 influences the ellipticity of the pupil illumination. For this purpose, the diaphragm 201 is first removed from the illuminating system 213. In this embodiment, the light arc of the light source 223 has a length of 4 mm and a diameter of 6 mm. The light rays, which are emitted by the light source 223, have an angle of between 60° and 135° with respect to the optical axis OA. The light arc is imaged by the condenser optic 210 on the entry surface 247 and generates a light spot having a maximum diameter of 41 mm which is thereby greater than the rod height by 315%. The rays have a

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